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WE WILL CERTAINLY DO WHAT WE CAN TO COOL THE THAI DOWN ON THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, BUT THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE AT THIS INSTANT AS WE ARE IN THE THROES OF A VISIT BY THE CARRIER CONSTELLATION WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT SOME TIME AGO. I AM JUST BACK FROM A VISIT TO THE SHIP BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MOST OF THE THAI LEADERSHIP AND THE CONSTELLATION VISIT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES ARE GOING TO BE HEADLINE NEWS HERE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS. I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT EXCEPT TO POINT OUT AS WE ALL ARE THAT THIS IS A ROUTINE, FRIENDLY VISIT.

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